

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PIEDMONT
AUGUST 2ND, 2016
6:00 PM

The City Council of the City of Piedmont met in regular session at the time and on the date above. Present were Mayor Bill Baker, Council Members Ben Keller, Mary Bramblett, Frank Cobb, Kenny Kelley, Brenda Spears, Mark Harper and Terry Kiser.

Following the invocation given by Mayor Baker and the pledge of allegiance to the flag the minutes were presented for consideration. Mary Bramblett made the motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Kenny Kelley seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

The bills totaling \$487,154.04 were then presented for consideration for payment. Kenny Kelley made the motion that the bills be approved as presented. Ben Keller seconded the motion and the bills were approved for payment with two abstentions by Brenda Spears and Terry Kiser.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-14 which states that only one person filed a statement of candidacy for district two. The Resolution declares that Mary Bramblett will serve another four years to the Piedmont City Council for district two. Terry Kiser made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-14. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Mary Bramblett.

Next the Mayor asked for consideration of Resolution 2016-15 which states the election officials for the 2016 Municipal Election for the City of Piedmont and that the City Clerk is hereby appointed and directed to prepare, file and post the voters list for election and to perform all other tasks that would normally be performed by the Mayor if he were not a candidate. Frank Cobb made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-15. Terry Kiser seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Mr. Joe Lively spoke to the Council concerning the possible closing of Lively's Foodland. He stated that he and Mr. Gregerson will be in court on the 18th of August and that Mr. Gregerson has bought the lease for the building and that it will be shut down and left empty. Mr. Lively stated that this will hurt the City of Piedmont and asked for the Mayor and Councils help to keep the store open. Attorney Ron Allen prepared a Resolution for the Council stating that the closing of the store would hurt the city with revenue and utilities. Terry Kiser made the motion to accept Resolution 2016-16. Mark Harper seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Ben Keller	None	Frank Cobb
Mary Bramblett		
Kenny Kelley		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call the vote was 7 yeas and 1 abstention therefore, Resolution 2016-16 was accepted.

In Other Business Mark Harper made the motion for the city to absorb the health insurance increase until the end of August 2016. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the motion carried with one abstention by Brenda Spears.

In Visitor's Comments Mr. Harry Nuttall voiced his concerns about Lively's Foodland closing and asked the Mayor and Council to do what they could to keep the store open.

The Mayor then asked Leanne Smith the Animal Control Officer to speak to the Council concerning the shelter problem that the city has been having for the past few months. She said that Etowah Animal Shelter could not take the city back because of the large amount of cats that are brought to them. She asked that the city look at trying to find a grant for trap, neuter and release program for cats.

In Council Reports Ben Keller said that the lights behind the DAV building need to be fixed. Mary Bramblett had no report.

Frank Cobb said he had an abatement issue on James St.

Kenny Kelley had no report.

Brenda Spears Council Comments:

The Bills of payment for tonight's council is \$487,154.04. Payroll and Taxes for the week of July 22 was \$59,680.78 and the week of July 29 was \$65,815.59. The total for tonight's council approval is \$612,650.41.

I want to invite and encourage all candidates for the August 23 election to attend the next council's work session on August 16 at 5:30 pm.

Payroll and Taxes was \$65,815.59 for the week of July 29.

Mark Harper asked if Kemps and Associates will be coming to a meeting to discuss the 2015 Audit. The Mayor said that Mrs. Kemp said that the Council could look over the audit and call her with any questions.

Brenda Spears then made the motion that Kemp and Associates come to a meeting to discuss the audit. Mary Bramblett seconded the motion and the Mayor asked the Clerk for a roll call vote and the vote was as follows:

YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN
Ben Keller	None	Kenny Kelley
Mary Bramblett		
Frank Cobb		
Brenda Spears		
Mark Harper		
Terry Kiser		
Mayor Baker		

Following the roll call vote the vote was seven yeas and one abstention for Kemp and Associates to attend a meeting to discuss the 2015 Audit.

The City Clerk informed the Council that a political forum would be held at the Piedmont High School Cafeteria on August 11th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

The Mayor thanked the city employees for their hard work and dedication to the city.

With no other business to come before the Council Terry Kiser made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Frank Cobb seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.